

Torrance, California
October 6, 1941

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Monday, October 6, 1941 at 4:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Clerk Bartlett read the call of the meeting, being "for the purpose of authorizing the refunding of moneys deposited for the purchase of tax deeded lots and authorizing the Escrow Department to refund the moneys in its possession for the purchase of tax deeded lots, and ordering the escrow closed."

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Associated Assessment Engineers, confessing a mistake in regard to setting July 22, 1941 as the date of the first sale of tax deeded property as advertised in the "Notice of Sale of Tax Deeded Property" published in the Torrance Herald July 3, July 10 and July 17, 1941. It was advised that the Title Company will not write title policies on the property which has purportedly been sold by the City, due to the fact that twenty-one days did not elapse after the first publication. July 24, 1941, it was pointed out, was the first day the City could have legally sold the property, inasmuch as the first publication was July 3, 1941.

It was recommended by the Associated Assessment Engineers that the money now in escrow be returned to the purchasers to whom the City purportedly sold the property, that the sale be re-advertised, and the proceedings started over again, at the expense of the Associated Assessment Engineers.

A short discussion ensued regarding this matter, the question arising as to what protection will be given the persons who have purchased the various lots. The opinion was expressed that it is quite apparent that the purchasers will be given every measure of protection, inasmuch as they purchased in good faith and had no part in the error which made it necessary to refund the money and start proceedings all over again. Councilman Powell stressed the matter of protection for the purchasers, Councilman Babcock recommending that the Council go on record as desiring to protect the purchasers in every respect in this matter. Councilman Hitchcock said the purchasers could be assured protection to them would be the first consideration in adjusting the matter.

Councilman Powell said he felt a legal opinion should be given the Council before taking action. Clerk Bartlett advised Attorney McCall had read the communication from the Associated Assessment Engineers. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to refer

the matter to Attorney McCall for an opinion regarding the present status of the persons to whom the City purportedly sold tax deeded property, and what position the Council should take in the matter.

Clerk Bartlett presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 1499

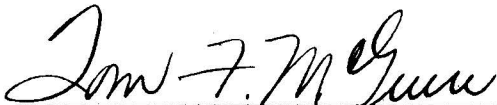
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING THE RE-FUNDING OF MONEYS DEPOSITED FOR THE PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LOTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ESCROW DEPARTMENT TO REFUND THE MONEYS IN ITS POSSESSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LOTS, AND ORDERING THE ESCROW CLOSED.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1499 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 5:05 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance